

Anti-Reproductive-Rights Crimes in California 2008

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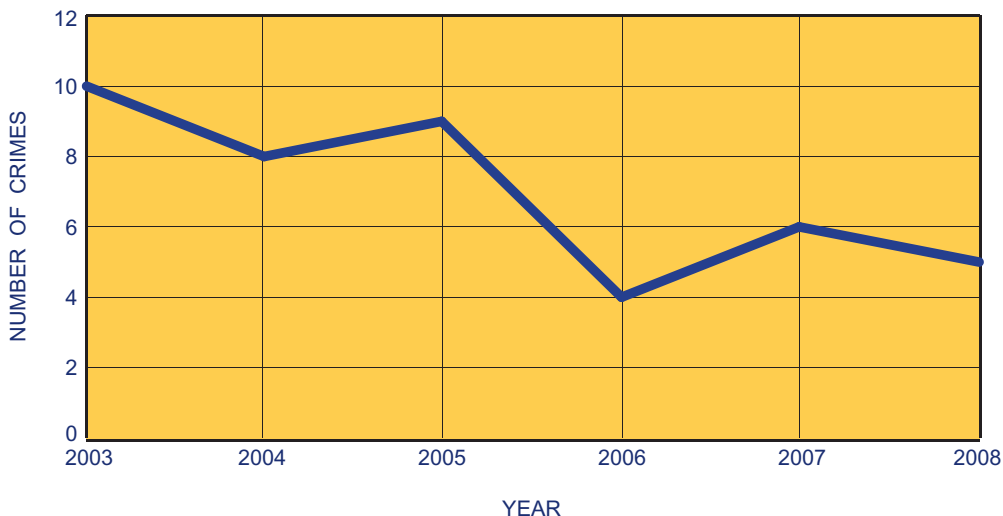
Anti-Reproductive-Rights Crime in California 2008 provides a synopsis of all anti-reproductive-rights crimes reported to the Department of Justice (DOJ) by California law enforcement agencies in 2008. Each synopsis includes information on the jurisdiction, victim, suspect (if any), and a description of the crime.

Five anti-reproductive-rights crimes were reported by law enforcement agencies in 2008. All occurred in the first three months of the year. Seven offenses were reported for the five crimes; two were felonies and five were misdemeanors. One crime involved three offenses and the other four involved single offenses. Five anti-reproductive-rights crime

victims reported. All victims were identified as health facilities and categorized as property.

The 2002 Reproductive Rights Law Enforcement Act amended the California Penal Code to require the Attorney General to collect and analyze information on crimes that violate reproductive rights. California Penal Code section 13776(a) defines an anti-reproductive-rights crime as a crime "committed partly or wholly because the victim is a reproductive health services client, provider, or assistant, or a crime that is partly or wholly intended to intimidate the victim, any other person or entity, or any class of persons or entities from becoming or remaining a reproductive health services client, provider, or assistant."

Number of Anti-Reproductive-Rights Crimes Reported by California Law Enforcement, 2003–2008



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Below is a summary of the anti-reproductive-rights crimes reported in California during 2008:

- **January 4, 2008** – A family health facility in Downey was the victim of a telephone threat in which the caller stated that the “abortion clinic is getting blown up tonight.” Nothing further transpired and no suspect information was reported.
- **January 12, 2008** – A public reproductive health facility in Glendale was the victim of vandalism when anti-abortion graffiti was spray painted in red on a driveway of the property. The estimated value of property loss was less than \$100 and no suspect information was reported.
- **February 17, 2008** – A public reproductive health facility in Eureka was the victim of arson and vandalism. Multiple fires were set at the building, and a note with anti-abortion sentiments was found taped to the building’s front entrance. The estimated value of property loss was reported as “minor” and no suspect information was reported.
- **March 8, 2008** – A private health care facility in San Jose was the victim of vandalism when anti-abortion graffiti was found on multiple locations of the building. The estimated value of property loss was less than \$100 and no suspect information was reported.
- **March 26, 2008** – A public reproductive health care facility in Oakland was the victim of violations of the local 8-foot “bubble” ordinance. While only one report was made to the local law enforcement agency, staff stated that on several occasions access to and from the facility was restricted by a suspect picketing and distributing anti-abortion literature. The suspect was identified as a black male, age unknown.

A table summarizing the data elements of each crime can be viewed online at:
<http://ag.ca.gov/cjsc/publications/pdf/arrc08.pdf>

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Crimes			Offense						Victim information							Suspect information				
Total crimes ¹	Date of crime	Reporting agency	Total offenses	Offense	Offense level (Fel/Misd)	Crime of violence	Type of location	Weapon	Total victims ²	Type of victim	Individual			Property			Total suspects	Race/ethnic group of suspect	Gender of suspect	Age of suspect
											Race/ethnic group of victim	Gender of victim	Age of victim	Property description	Type of loss or damage	Value of property				
5			7						5								1			
1	1/4/2008	Downey PD (Los Angeles County)	1	Assault	Felony	Yes	Govt/Public building	None	1	Property - Health facility	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	1/12/2008	Glendale PD (Los Angeles County)	1	Vandalism	Misd	No	Public health facility	None	1	Property - Health facility	-	-	-	Structure	Vandalized	Less than \$100	-	-	-	-
1	2/17/2008	Humboldt SO (Humboldt County)	3	Arson	Felony	No	Public health facility	Other	1	Property - Health facility	-	-	-	Structure	Burned	Less than \$100	-	-	-	-
				Assault	Felony	Yes														
				Vandalism	Misd	No														
1	3/8/2008	San Jose PD (Santa Clara County)	1	Vandalism	Misd	No	Private health facility	None	1	Property - Health facility	-	-	-	Structure	Vandalized	Less than \$100	-	-	-	-
1	3/26/2008	Oakland PD (Alameda County)	1	Local ordinance	Misd	No	Public health facility	None	1	Property - Health facility	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	Black	Male	-

Notes: Dash indicates that data are not applicable or no information was reported.

¹ A "crime" is an occurrence of one or more criminal offenses committed against one or more victims by one or more suspects/perpetrators.

² A "victim" may be an individual (client, employee, other) or a property (business, religious organization, reproductive health facility, other entity). A victim can have more than one offense committed against them.